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1. On 24 December 1953, the Buelow Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied almost to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. On 21 December, about 60 to 80 troops received instruction on 57-mm AT guns in the barracks area, while about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, armed with carbines, submachine guns, and 3 machine guns and carrying practice targets entered the installation from the direction of Rosengarten. On 19 December, about 100 troops received instruction on 10 to 12 mortars, including several 120-mm mortars, in the barracks yard. On 24 December, 2 T-34/85 tanks,  were seen in front of the vehicle sheds in the installation.
2. On 24 December, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. At about 10 a.m., 3 trucks towing 3 x 37-mm AA guns left the installation toward Westkreuz, while about 80 troops were lined up in the barracks yard.
3. On 24 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. On 22 December, about 60 officers with tank insignia left the installation toward Westkreuz and, at about 12:30 p.m., 3 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops, towing a 76-mm AT gun  entered the installation.
4. At about 6:30 p.m. on 19 December, about 100 officers with tank and artillery insignia and carrying baggage arrived at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station from the direction of Reppen. The officers were picked up by trucks. At about 3 p.m. on 22 December, about 100 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with carbines, carrying rucksacks and coming from the direction of the Eichhorn Kaserne, were entrained toward Fuerstenwalde at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station.

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5. On 6 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 25 December, about 50 troops entered the installation from the direction of Westkreuz. [redacted] 6 x 76-mm AA guns at the northern border of the installation area. On 6 January, about 30 troops, armed with submachine guns, left the installation toward Rosengarten.

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6. On 6 January, the Buelow Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 December and 6 January, 10 x 57-mm AT guns and 10 x 76-mm AT guns were observed in the yard. On 4 January, about 230 troops were drilling in the yard. Source did not observe any vehicular traffic.

7. On 6 January, the Eichhorn Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted]

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8. On 6 January, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 December 1953 and 6 January 1954, T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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9. On 6 January, the Horn Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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10. On 6 January, the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 29 December, 25 troops received instruction on a 57-mm AT gun in the area opposite the main entrance of the installation.

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11. At about 10 p.m. on 25 December, a column of 15 trucks towing 3 x 76-mm AA guns was seen en route toward the town, coming from the direction of Westkreuz. At about 6 p.m. on 26 December, 8 trucks, towing 2 x 76-mm AA guns [redacted] were seen proceeding toward the town, coming from the direction of Westkreuz.

12. [redacted] the VGB special construction bureau, Frankfurt/Oder, had so far been allotted 7,000,000 eastmarks for construction projects in 1954. [redacted]

1. Comment. Except for the underestimated strength figures, especially of the Ziethen Kaserne, [redacted] the information does not indicate any change in the distribution of units in the Frankfurt/Oder post. [redacted] the columns mentioned in paragraph 11 are fairly definitely believed to have belonged to the 32d AAA Div (US).

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